

Human Services Council Meeting
March 21, 2016, 7:30 PM
MEETING MINUTES

MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
Kevin H. Bell, Chair	<i>Present</i>	Martin Machowsky	<i>Present</i>
Col. Marion (Barney) Barnwell	<i>Present</i>	Michele Menapace	<i>Excused</i>
Steven Bloom	<i>Present</i>	Stephanie Mensh	<i>Present</i>
Jeff Dannick	<i>Present</i>	Audrey Morton	<i>Present</i>
Jack Dobbyn	<i>Absent</i>	Dr. Gerald (Jerry) Poje	<i>Present</i>
Robert Faherty	<i>Excused</i>	Dr. Sergio Rimola	<i>Excused</i>
Rev. Dr. Jerrold Foltz	<i>Present</i>	Rev. Alexis Vaughan Kassim	<i>Present</i>
William Kogler	<i>Present</i>	Adrienne Walters	<i>Absent</i>
		Henry Wulf	<i>Present</i>
Staff:			
Michelle Gregory, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)			<i>Excused</i>
Patricia Harrison, Deputy County Executive			<i>Present</i>
Gail Ledford, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Excused</i>
Ron McDevitt, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>
Tracy Steffek, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)			<i>Present</i>

Guests and County Staff: Rosalyn Foroobar, Joe Pettit, Carita Parks, Lee Ann Pender, Jim Gillespie

7:45 p.m. – Welcome and Overview – Chairman Kevin Bell opened the meeting welcoming new representative At-Large, Martin Machowsky. Marty was previously the assistant to the Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Audrey Moore, during the time the Human Services Council was created. In recent years, he has held positions at various public relations and public affairs firms.

Council Presentation and Letter to the Board – This meeting was used as a working meeting to discuss the draft of the annual letter and presentation to the Board of Supervisors. Chairman Bell praised Budget Committee members and staff in the development of the letter. Budget Committee Chair, Steve Bloom distributed a hard copy of the draft letter and offered an overview.

It was determined that the main purposes of the letter are to assert that human services programs benefit all residents in Fairfax County, support the County Executive's proposed budget for FY2017, offer recommendations for additional investments as funding allows, and stress that the human services system must move towards a modernized and integrative system to meet the changing community.

Council members commented on the structure and themes of the letter offering suggestions on grammatical and style edits and the text related to specific funding requests.

Adjournment – The Council determined that an additional meeting to finalize the letter would not be necessary. The presentation to the Board of Supervisors is tentatively scheduled for Friday, April 1, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. The next full membership meeting will be held on Monday, April 18, 2016, at Fairfax County Government Center in Conference Rooms 4 & 5. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.